



Meeting Notes

Albert Davis Park Redevelopment: Community Meeting #3

February 11, 2003, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, at the Lake City Community Center

PRESENT: Five members of the community; two members of the design team, and Parks staff members, a total of 9 attendees.

Introductions:

Introductions from all in attendance. Mark Johnson, Parks project manager, introduced the project and reviewed the public involvement process, as described graphically on the public involvement matrix.

Design for Redevelopment of the Park and the Related Plaza and Parking Garage:

Kris Snider, Principal of the Landscape Studio at Hewitt Architects, described the project elements (library, plaza, garage and park). The working model and drawing (site plan) are identical scales: 1" X 10'. Kris described how suggestions from the community have been incorporated in the current design, which is intended to form the terminus for a future connection from the Civic Core to Lake City Way.

Discussion:

Meeting attendees raised a number of questions and made many valuable suggestions: How will drainage to the low point of the plaza (near the southwest entry to the Community Center) be handled? (The parking garage will have a complete drainage system with sump pump taking storm water from detention tanks beneath the garage to the City storm sewer system (or storm water maybe infiltrated on-site; this is being studied now). Sustainable handling of storm water: lots of agreement that infiltration is a worthy goal. Everyone likes the runnel that carries storm drainage—but out of reach of children and the curious—and demonstrating how storm water is handled in a sustainable way.

Suggestion: Put a picnic table at the children's play area. Parents can then sit while kids play and have space for paints and other activities and items.

Comments about night lighting: Lighting is really important. We like the idea of up and down lights – but if they cost too much, regular lights are ok too. In winter, be sure there isn't too much light going up – it would be too bright for nearby residents of the neighborhood.

Question about budget: How much money does the project have for construction? Mark answered that the project has \$0.5 million for construction. These funds are provided by the 2000 Pro Parks Levy.

Question about what type of fencing would be used to the south of the park: Kris responded that vinyl-coated chain link fencing was being considered, probably 6' tall. The goal is to maintain "eyes on the park" of residents in the multi-family building to the south, but to develop a buffer between the park and the neighborhood as well.

Question about parking: Will angled parking be continued along 27th Ave. NE? Kris answered that Parks is planning on parallel parking in some areas along 27th but not angle parking. We would like to know if the neighborhood wants more parking than this now provides, so we can go to Seattle Dept. of Transportation with their concerns. There is a general agreement that there will be enough parking with the new garage in operation (an additional 62 spaces).
Suggestion: Put Handicapped Parking along 27th Ave. NE instead of plain parallel parking.

Comment: Public places need multiple reasons for people to visit them. Could we have a coffee stand here? Could Parks get a vendor to have a stand here? Parks NW Geographic Parks and Recreation Manager, Maureen O'Neill, responded that there will be power for concerts, or vendors, etc. on the new plaza.

Comment: Lake City is taking off--people can't afford to live close in, so the demographics are changing--and the Farmer's Market has been a huge success.

Concern: There is concern about graffiti along the proposed long wall at the children's play area. Kris responded that we will use an anti graffiti coating to make clean-up easier.

Comment: Regarding graffiti – some of these are public issues. Things have improved a lot since the townhouse owners have been calling the police about illegal activities.

Suggestion: Incorporate a kiosk in the light beacon at the ramp to the parking garage.

The Farmer's Market starts in May 2003 – will 28th Avenue NE be closed? No, SDOT issues street use permits and takes public input.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM

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